



Ironbound Community Corporation was involved in tenant organizing and the preservation of affordable homes for many years. In 1982, ICC helped to organize the Coalition to Save Rent Control (CTSRC) - a citywide coalition of churches, tenants, unions, and housing advocates, and fought the weakening of the Rent Control Bill. In 1987, ICC helped form the HUD Tenants Coalition (HTC) - an organization for tenants in privately-owned publically-assisted homes. Frank Hutchins (shown in the bottom photo) was the director, and the group continues to exist. Right To Housing (RTH) was a statewide group that ICC was part of, working to end homelessness, which existed from 1982 to about 1992. ICC also worked with Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry (MEM) on housing issues, affordable housing preservation. Rev. David Burgess from St. Stephen's Church, was active in all these struggles and in MEM, and led their "Signs of Hope" Conference in 1984. Through the years, there were numerous housing marches, demonstrations, annual Housing Speak Outs and Conferences. In 1989, a very important legal case filed and eventually won by the Newark Coalition for Low Income Housing (NCLIH) which sued the Newark Housing Authority to enforce the law saying that if public housing was destroyed it must be replaced unit for unit. Both Rev. Burgess and ICC's Vic De Luca was a spokesman in that case.